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Status			
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed	on 26 May 2006	·	
· ·	o) This action is non-final.		
3) Since this application is in condition for	·—	rs, prosecution as to the merits is	
closed in accordance with the practice	•		
Disposition of Claims			
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>7-11</u> is/are pending in the ap	pplication.		
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are	•		
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.			
6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.			
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.			
8) Claim(s) 7-11 are subject to restriction	n and/or election requirement.		
Application Papers			
9) The specification is objected to by the	Examiner.		
10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are:		y the Examiner.	
Applicant may not request that any objecti	ion to the drawing(s) be held in abeyand	e. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).	
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including to	he correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).	
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to t	by the Examiner. Note the attached	Office Action or form PTO-152.	
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119			
12)⊠ Acknowledgment is made of a claim fo a)⊠ All b)□ Some * c)□ None of:	or foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §	I19(a)-(d) or (f).	
1. Certified copies of the priority d	ocuments have been received		
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority d		nlication No. 10/110 472	
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1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) Interview Su		
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DETAILED ACTION

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Election/Restrictions

- 1. The applicant(s) response filed on May 26, 2006 has necessitated the following action.
- 2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 7 through 8, drawn to a process of making one, single magnetic head, classified in class 29, subclass 603.2.
 - II. Claims 9 through 11, drawn to a process of making a plurality of magnetic heads, classified in class 29, subclass 417.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

3. Inventions of Groups II and I are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination (Group II) as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination (Group I) as claimed because Group II does not require forming a single groove at an end portion of the slide contact plane other than the end faces of the magnetic core halves on the slide contact plane, as required by Group I. The subcombination (Group I) has separate utility, or a separately usable process, such as forming a single groove at an end portion of the slide contact plane other than the end faces of the magnetic core halves on the slide contact plane other than the end faces of the magnetic core halves on the slide contact plane.

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4. Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

6. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to A. Dexter Tugbang whose telephone number is 571-272-4570. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner

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